

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0057] As shown in FIG. 15, the wings 20 may comprise tabs 46 which may extend between the top and bottom halves 34 and 36 such that the tabs 46 are sandwiched therebetween and thus secure the wings 20 to the skate. As can be seen in FIG. 3, the upper half of a bifurcated skate chassis 12 can include cutouts 48 through which the wing attachment tabs 46 may extend. The tabs 46 ~~are~~ can be configured to surround the protruding posts 38. The posts 38 can be provided with a shoulder 120 such that the tabs 46 will be compressed between the shoulder 120 and the bottom chassis half 36 when the skate is assembled. In alternative embodiments, the wings 20 may be attached to the skate 10 by adhesives or other appropriate methods.

[0059] As shown, the front and rear brakes 22a and 22b can each be configured to be attached to the skate chassis 12 by a single screw 54a and 54b each to allow for easy replacement of the brake. The screw 54 is received in a post or column boss 39 supported by a plurality of radially-extending ribs 51. According to one embodiment, the screws 54 and corresponding columns ~~38~~39 are sized such that each screw will "bottom out" in its corresponding hole. Sizing the screws such that they will abut the bottom of the hole, will substantially limit the loosening of the screw due to vibrations experienced by the skate during normal use. Alternatively, the columns 38 may include threaded metallic inserts or T-nuts mounted therein to substantially reduce the possibility of the threads being stripped. The brake pads 22 can include recesses 23 (See FIG. 15) adapted to receive one or more of the ribs 51 surrounding a cruciform column 39 to which the brake pads can be attached. The loosening of the brake pads 22 can be further controlled by providing an opening 56 in the bottom half 36 of the chassis 12 through which at least a portion of the brake pads 22a and 22b can extend (see FIG. 4).

[83] The capture ring 222 is attached to the hub ring 220 by an annular rib 224 which has a smaller width dimension than a width dimension of the capture ring 222 (see FIG. 21). Thus, the hub 202 of this embodiment comprises an annular space 226 between the hub ring 220 and the capture ring 222 on both the front and rear sides of the annular rib 224.